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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Subject: OLD HEAD (U)

Reference: Memorandum for the Special Committee,
subject: "OLD HEAD Operations," dated
control no. 104192

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1. As a result of the possible attempt to intercept
the [redacted] OLD HEAD (U-2) overflight of Cuba with
a Cuban MIG-21, special support arrangements were
effected for the subsequent OLD HEAD mission. That
mission (G-197) was flown on [redacted] and no hostile

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2. In light of the absence of adverse reaction to the
[redacted] mission, OLD HEAD operations will be
resumed on [redacted] at the currently required rate of
one mission per week, weather and operational considerations
permitting.

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3. Airborne fighter alert forces will not be required
for subsequent missions. Normal strip alert fighter
support will continue to be provided from NAS Key West
and NAS Guantanamo. Should a Cuban intercept of the U-2
be attempted, these strip alert fighter forces will be
authorized to react in accordance with the rules of
engagement promulgated for the [redacted] mission and
reflected in the referenced memorandum.

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4. Mission assessment for OLD HEAD operations will be
3B3.

JCS review(s)
completed.

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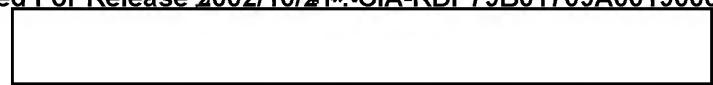
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